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DIAL-UP INTERFACE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows.

Insert before paragraph [0001]:

Cross-reference to related applications

This application claims priority from provisional application serial no. 60/246,101, filed January 25, 2001.

AI [0060] (Amended) Next, the PKI-Bridge (124) forwards the challenge string to the dial-up client (120) (Step 158). The dial-up client (120) forwards the challenge string to the Custom Script DLL (122) (Step 159). The Custom Script DLL (122) forwards the challenge string to the client-side cryptographic function (128) (Step 160). The client-side cryptographic function (128) uses the dial-up user's private key on security device, and generates a signed response string (Step 161). In one embodiment of the invention, the signed response string is generated by the client-